



WOHVn-in-Faith

Area Catholic Community

Holy Cross, Sacred Heart, St. Rita, and St. Therese

Promise and Fulfillment

During the season of Advent we heard many scripture passages which describe God's promises for the future. On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him. (Isaiah 11:1-2) On that day, the wolf shall dwell with the lamb and a young child shall lead them. (Isaiah 11:6) Waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. (Isaiah 35:6)

And now as we begin the Christmas season we hear biblical messages which describe God's fulfillment of those promises. Today, in the city of David, a savior has been born for you. (Luke 2:11) The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. (Isaiah 9:1)

Yes, the promises are being fulfilled. But notice how they are being fulfilled! They are being fulfilled in Christ. The peace that we long for is not delivered by individuals or groups who claim to have the answers. The peace that we long for is being delivered by the Prince of Peace. As we move closer to Him we move closer to a true and lasting peace. The Prince of peace is here. Will we embrace Him? The promise has been fulfilled.

Fr. Jerry

Office Hours

ACC office hours are **9-5 Thursday** at Holy Cross. Please call the ACC office at 320-532-3122 to make an appointment outside of these hours.

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December 21, 2025 - 3rd Sunday of Advent/Christmas

Events

December 21st to 28th

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| 20 | Saturday | |
| | Sacrament of Reconciliation - St. Rita | 3:15 pm |
| | Mass - St. Rita | 4:00 pm |
| | Sacrament of Reconciliation - Sacred Heart | 4:15 pm |
| 21 | | Mass - Sacred Heart (+Jerry Crawford) 5:00 pm |
| | Sunday | |
| | Mass Sacred Heart (+Richard Schumacher) | 8:30 am |
| | Mass - Holy Cross (+Fr. Greg Poser) | 9:00 am |
| 22 | | Mass - St. Rita (+Donald J. Boser) 10:30 am |
| | | Mass - St. Therese 11:00 am |
| | Monday | |
| | Mass - Holy Cross | 8:00 am |
| 23 | Tuesday | |
| | Mass - Holy Cross | 8:00 am |
| | Mass - St. Rita (Special Intention & +Roy Gall) | 8:00 am |
| | Rosary - Holy Cross (Small Chapel) | 6:30 pm |
| 24 | Wednesday - Christmas Eve | |
| | Mass - Holy Cross (+Tom Kane) | 4:00 pm |
| | Mass - St. Rita (+Neal Boser) | 4:00 pm |
| | Mass - Sacred Heart (Sacred Heart Parish) | 4:00 pm |
| 25 | Thursday - Christmas Day | |
| | Mass Sacred Heart (Sacred Heart Parish) | 8:30 am |
| | Mass - Holy Cross (+Ron Schmidt) | 9:00 am |
| | Mass - St. Rita (St. Rita Parish) | 10:30 am |
| 26 | | Mass - St. Therese (St. Therese Parish) 11:00 am |
| | Friday | |
| | Mass - Holy Cross | 9:00 am |
| | Mass - St. Rita | 8:00 am |
| 27 | Saturday | |
| | Sacrament of Reconciliation - St. Rita | 3:15 pm |
| | Mass - St. Rita (+Brenda Schmitt) | 4:00 pm |
| | Sacrament of Reconciliation - Sacred Heart | 4:15 pm |
| 28 | | Mass - Sacred Heart (+Richard Schumacher) 5:00 pm |
| | Sunday | |
| | Mass Sacred Heart (+Mary Dubow) | 8:30 am |
| | Mass - Holy Cross (Louis & Lois Gravel Anniv.) | 9:00 am |
| | | Mass - St. Rita (Kasper & Margaret Kruschek) 10:30 am |
| | | Mass - St. Therese 11:00 am |

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays

St. Rita 3:15 pm

Sacred Heart 4:15 pm

By Appointment (call 320-532-3122)

Holy Cross

St. Therese

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Fr. Marv will hold Individual Confessions at **St. Rita:**

Sunday, 12/21 at 4:00 pm & Monday 12/22 at 7:00 pm

Choir Practice

St. Rita

There will be a choir practice on **Monday, December 22nd at 5:00 pm** for people of ALL AGES that would like to join in singing on Christmas Eve. Any questions, contact Kristi at 320-282-1122.

Next Sunday Readings:

December 28 - Feast of the Holy Family

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Colossians 3:12-21

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

The fourth Advent candle (purple) symbolizes Love, representing God's love for all of humanity through Jesus, often called the Angel's Candle.

Christmas Eve Mass

Sacred Heart - 4:00 pm

Holy Cross - 4:00 pm

St. Rita - 4:00 pm

Christmas Day Mass

Sacred Heart - 8:30 am

Holy Cross - 9:00 am

St. Rita - 10:30 am

St. Therese - 11:00 am

Holy Day - January 1st Mass

St. Rita - 4:00 pm Dec. 31

Sacred Heart - 5:00 pm Dec. 31

Holy Cross - 9:00 am Jan. 1

St. Rita - 10:30 am Jan. 1

Events

Holiday Bulletin Schedule

All WOHVn in Faith Parishes

The deadline for all bulletin announcements for the weeks of Christmas and New Years, will be Monday **(12-22 and 12-29) by noon**. Please submit your announcements electronically to: wohvnbusinessmanager@gmail.com

Christmas Office Schedule

All WOHVn in Faith Parishes

The Parish Offices will be closed on December 24th and 25th, also January 1st and 2nd.

Help needed: Christmas Tree!

Holy Cross

On **Tuesday, December 23rd** we will be putting up the parish Christmas tree in Holy Cross Church and we need help getting it set! We will gather at **5:30 P.M.** and it will take a couple of hours (less with more people helping!) to get it hauled in, set-up and clean up afterwards. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bob Pete at 320-532-4383 or just come and help!

WOHVn News

Finances

Weekend of December 14, 2025

Sacred Heart

| | |
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| Adult Sunday | \$ 750.00 |
| Plate | 460.00 |
| Other (Religious Retirement) | <u>1,187.00</u> |
| Weekly Total: | \$ 2,397.00 |

Holy Cross

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| Adult Sunday | \$ 495.00 |
| Plate | 834.00 |
| Other (HCC Maint. & Rel. Ret.) | <u>600.00</u> |
| Weekly Total: | \$ 1,929.00 |

St. Rita

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| Adult Sunday | \$ 1,161.00 |
| Plate | 986.00 |
| Other (Immac. Con.& Rel. Retire) | <u>901.00</u> |
| Weekly Total: | \$ 3,048.00 |

St. Therese

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| Adult Sunday | \$ 250.00 |
| Plate | 75.13 |
| Other (Religious Retirement) | <u>51.18</u> |
| Weekly Total: | \$ 376.31 |

Christmas & Holy Day Ministers

Sacred Heart & Holy Cross

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and January 1st Holy Day ministers are needed. There are sign-up sheets at the entry at Sacred Heart and on the counter in the Narthex at Holy Cross. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve the parishioners of Sacred Heart and Holy Cross.

2026 Contribution Envelopes

St. Rita

Beginning in 2026, the St. Rita weekly collection envelopes will be sent directly to parishioners on a bi-monthly basis. If you do not receive your envelopes or have questions, please contact Kathy at the parish office, 320-532-3122.



Gift with your IRA Distribution

Making a gift through your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is a great way to support our parishes. This type of giving can also help you fulfill your required minimum annual distribution and avoid income taxes because an IRA gift generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, which helps even if you do not itemize deductions. Contact Kathy in the parish office at 320-532-3122 for more information. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Have you been to TEC? JUST GO!

Belle Prairie

Who? YOU and it's not too late to sign up!

What? TEC (Together Encounter Christ) is a three-day retreat for both youth (age 16+) and adults that is action-packed, intense, life changing, affirming, relevant and unforgettable way to discover more about yourself, and to deepen your relationship with Christ.

When? December 27-29 (Sat.-Mon.) and January 17-19 (Sat.-Mon.)

Where: Central Minnesota TEC in Belle Prairie (just north of Little Falls)

Visit: www.cmtec.org or call (320) 532-4455 for cost and registration information (scholarships are available - contact Kathy at (320) 532-3122)

Questions about TEC? Ask someone who's been there: Tim Honek, Margaret Hitzemann, Kathy Lundeen, Br. Christopher, Marge Agnew, Br. Rio, Paul Dickson, Amanda Gjerde, Shellie Athman and Brenda Gotvald.

Liturgical Ministers Wanted

All WOHVn in Faith Parishes

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to serve your parish family as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Server or Sacristan? If you have been discerning how you can help in one of these ministries, please contact Kathy at 320-532-3122 or talk with Fr. Marv or Fr. Jerry. Training is available.

Confirmation Class

Holy Cross

Watch your email for the upcoming Confirmation Schedule. All classes are held at Holy Cross beginning at 7:00 p.m. for approximately one hour.

The Retreat will be held Sunday, Feb. 1st from 9:00 A.M.- 3:00 P.M., at Holy Cross. Any questions, contact Kathy Lundeen at 320-532-3122.

Faith Formation

St. Rita

The next Faith Formation class will meet on Saturday, January 10 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Save your Teal's Receipts!

Sacred Heart and Holy Cross

As you do your Christmas grocery shopping, don't forget to save your Teal's receipts! Teal's will donate 1% of money back to our parishes of Sacred Heart and Holy Cross from the receipts collected. There are boxes at both church entrances. Thank you!

At a Glance

Recurring gatherings held on-site

KC Father Hennepin - 2nd Monday, 6pm (Sacred Heart)

KC St. Joseph - 2nd Tuesday, 7pm (Holy Cross)

NA - Sundays, 7:00 pm (Holy Cross)

Recovery Works - Mondays, 7:00 pm (Holy Cross)

AA - Thursdays, 7:00 pm (Holy Cross)

Connect With Us!

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